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U. S. PACIFISTS URGE ACTION ON NUCLEAR TEST CONFERENCE

Geneva, Dec. 5--Four Americans and a Japanese who risked their lives freedom in two dramatic attempts to penetrate the U. S. nuclear testing area e Pacific last summer, this month carried their sense of urgency to representa- s of the nuclear powers meeting here.

The pacifists were members of the crews of the *Golden Rule* and the *enix*. They were sent to Geneva at the urging of the newly formed Com- ee for Nonviolent Action, of which FOR is one of the sponsors with r American peace groups. The p included Albert Bigelow, George oughby and Jim Peck, of the *Gold- Rule*, and Barbara (Mrs. Earle) nolds and Niichi Mikami, of the *enix*.

n route to Geneva the group stopped London and Paris, where they met ach case with more than a hundred ers of the anti-nuclear groups. ish FOR members are active par- ants in this effort, while in Paris R secretaries André and Magda cmé are the moving spirits in the ly formed French committee.

n London members of the group had the experience of speaking to than a thousand hearers in the ous Speakers' Corner of Hyde Park.

t Geneva they were met by *Fellow-* editor Alfred Hassler, who had eded them as advance man. The met with Mr. T. G. Narayanan, etary-general of the test-cessation erence, prior to meetings with the onal delegations.

On Thursday evening they had 1½ s with Soviet Ambassador Semyon Tsarapkin and members of his dele- on at the Hotel Metropole. Friday met with a representative of the ish delegation, and on Tuesday with U. S. group.

To all the delegations the pacifist tingent emphasized the urgency of their task, and the formidable moral challenge that confronts them. Speculations concerning the possibility of mounting some kind of vigil did not materialize as the crews examined the situation. Among other factors was the

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This statuette of Saint Francis of Assisi was presented to the FOR by noted sculptress and ceramicist Janice Pettee, an FOR member in Burbank, Calif. Her husband, Paul, was a CO in World War II and was in McNeil Island Prison Farm, Puget Sound, Wash., with FOR Field Secretary Glenn E. Smiley.

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report that the conference would adjourn December 15 for the holidays and reconvene about a month later.

The crews' arrival coincided with developments in the conference that had produced an air of cautious optimism among both observers and participants, though even the most optimistic talked in terms of two to four months more of negotiation. An emphasis made repeatedly was that Americans generally are not aware of the great importance of a successful conclusion to the conference. The point made was that success here would be an opening wedge into later discussions of more far-reaching disarmament measures, while failure would have a dismal effect on the future.

From Geneva the pacifists were to go to Bonn, where peace leaders and members of the Bundestag awaited them, and to Brussels, where eight new anti-test groups have been formed.

Swiss Peace Groups Seek A-Ban

Swiss pacifists are gathering signatures for a petition to their government calling for a nationwide referendum on nuclear arms. Under Swiss law, 30,000 signatures can require the government to place an issue before the voters even before any law has been enacted.

The government professes to be embarrassed by the move. It says it has no present intention of seeking nuclear weapons, but for the sake of "security" does not want to close the door to the possibility.

Quote Unquote

"Work for peace is no longer a hob that one may pursue as one pleas it has become existence for the hum race and all its members."

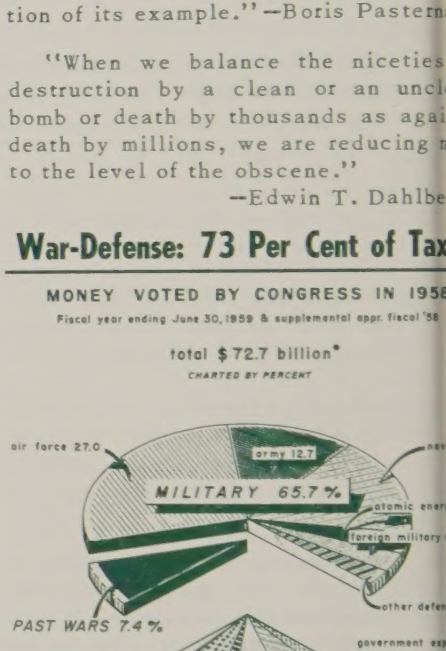
--Martin Niemöll

"What has for centuries raised m above the beast is not the cudgel b an inward music: the irresistible pow of unarmed truth, the powerful attr tion of its example." --Boris Pastern

"When we balance the niceties destruction by a clean or an uncl bomb or death by thousands as agai death by millions, we are reducing m to the level of the obscene."

--Edwin T. Dahlbe

War-Defense: 73 Per Cent of Tax


MONEY VOTED BY CONGRESS IN 1958
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 & supplemental appr. fiscal '58
total $72.7 billion*
CHARTED BY PERCENT
air force 27.0
army 12.7
MILITARY 65.7%
foreign military
PAST WARS 7.4%
NON-MILITARY 26.9%
non-military foreign aid 2.0
other foreign relations 0.5
agriculture 6.7
commerce, resources 2.5
housing, labor, health, educa
social security 7.0
* This figure excludes $8 billion permanent appropriations on which itemization is not readily available.

As shown in the above chart, prepa by the Friends Committee on Natio Legislation, the present U. S. bud allots 65.7% for current military penditures, with an additional 7.4% for past wars. Air Force spending al amounts to more than all non-milit spending combined, and military spe ing combined, and military foreign is more than 50% bigger than n military foreign aid. Our governm spends more money on past wars t on health and welfare.

NEWS from the peace front

Selective Service Chief Lewis B. shey said last month that the draft st be extended to keep the nation's ed forces at "safe levels." Gen. shey asked the Administration to uest Congress to extend the draft , which expires July 1, 1959, for ther four years.

During the same week, the Fifth ld Order Study Conference of the ional Council of Churches stated in Message to the Churches: "We renew plea made by the National Council Churches for the abolition of Uni- sal Military Training."

Fellowship readers are urged to te to their Senators and Representa- es to oppose extension of the draft.

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Attorneys for 13 Birmingham, Ala., groes said on Dec. 3 that they would eal a Circuit Court ruling which rmed the conviction of clergymen L. Shuttlesworth, J. S. Phifer and B. Jackson and ten others who vio- ed a local bus-seating ordinance de- ed to maintain racial segregation. ttlesworth, who is head of the Ala- a Christian for Human Rights, spent days at FOR Headquarters in Nyack confer with other integration leaders.

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In Atlanta, Georgia, last month, 312 te Protestant and Jewish religious ders called for a citywide interracial zens' advisory commission to sist in maintaining harmony and dwill" during the racial crisis in South and proposed that "com- ity and state leaders...give their t creative thought to maintaining a nd public school plan" which would "consistent with the law of the d."

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Karl Barth and three other theolo- ns in Bern, Switzerland, recently ed their opposition to equipping the Swiss Army with atomic weapons. Christian faith, they said, "can say thing and one thing only, that un- ditional obedience to Jesus Christ es it impossible for any Christian to participate actively in nuclear war- fare or in preparations for it."

The four theologians formed a minor- ity in a 10-man special commission of the Swiss Protestant Federation which has been studying the question. The ma- jority neither endorsed the adoption of nuclear arms, nor definitely rejected them.

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During the past year, according to Washington news commentator Robert S. Allen, the United States, Britain and Russia have detonated a total of 87 nu- clear devices, setting a new all-time high of radioactive material put into the atmosphere in a single year. An esti- mated 14-16 megatons was said to be involved.

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In Cincinnati, Ohio, FOR member Maurice F. McCrackin was jailed last month for an indefinite period when he ignored a summons from the Internal Revenue Service to appear in court. For ten years, McCrackin has refused to pay that portion of his federal income tax which goes for military expendi- tures. A Presbyterian, McCrackin is pastor of West Cincinnati-St. Barnabas Church. An appeal on his behalf, drafted by A. J. Muste, has been sent to Pres- ident Eisenhower. Signers of the appeal include Walter G. Muelder, Arthur L. Swift Jr. and other well-known FOR members.

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Mrs. Rudd Brown, reported as a possible third pacifist elected to Con- gress in the Nov. 15 *Fellowship*, ac- tually lost the election. It was sub- sequently discovered that a tabulating machine had made an error of 10,000 votes in her favor.

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An automobile bumper sticker bearing the words, "End the Missile Race; Let Mankind Live," printed in fluorescent red ink, is available for 15¢ from the Peace Education Program of the Ameri- can Friends Service Committee, 59 East Madison St., Chicago 2, Ill.

Alternatives, the jointly sponsored film about conscientious objectors, will be available in late December at a single-showing rental of $15. Weekly rental will be $35, and purchase price will be $152.50. Requests and inquiries should be sent to: Fellowship Films, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y.

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A new FOR group has been formed at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Pacifists in that vicinity may obtain information about its plans and activities from its leader, Miss Betsy Day, Gardiner House, Smith College.

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R. F. Burlingame is making reprints available of a syndicated newspaper column by Sydney J. Harris, posing a challenge for Christians to be pacifists, as viewed by a Gandhian critic of Western civilization. Burlingame proposes that pacifists circulate the reprints among those who are complacent in their religion, with a view to stimulating their thinking towards a more relevant conception of the Prince of Peace. His address is 50 E. Main St., Milan, Mich.

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For a year and a half, pacifist speakers have been responding to invitations from local groups throughout the country, thanks to the FOR's centralized Speakers Bureau service, which furnishes to these groups, on request, the names of qualified speake on topics of interest who live wit convenient traveling distance of group.

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Last month a Minneapolis chur group, the high school-age Pilgr Fellowship of Plymouth Congregation Church, donated a cow to a Ne couple at interracial Koinonia Fa Americus, Georgia.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 26-30. Volunteers for Pe training program. Bainton, Muste, Fr man, Gregg, Bigelow, Whitney *et* at FOR Headquarters. Write: Earle Warner, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y.

Dec. 25-31. Peacemaker Peace Good Will Walk in Puerto Rico. Wri Valerie Aldrich, 53 West 73 St., N.Y.

Jan. 30 -- Feb. 2, 1959. Internes Nonviolence training program. Mus Hazzard, Lawrence, Dodson, Gre Bigelow, Smiley *et al*, at FOR He quarters. Write: Earle H. Warner, FO Box 271, Nyack, N.Y.

April 20-23, 1959. Church Peace M sion Conference at First Bapt Church, Evanston, Ill. Write: A. Muste, Church Peace Mission, 1 Broadway, New York City.

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